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CHARLES, by the grace of God, King of Scotland, England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith. To Our Lovits

Messengers, our Sheriffs, in that part conjunctly and severally specially constitute, greeting. For somuch as the cause and occasion of all the distractions which have happened of late both in Church and Common-weale of this

Our Kingdome, have proceeded from the conceived fears of innovation of Religon and Laws: To free all Our good Subjects of the leaſt ſuſpition of any intention in Us to innovate any thing, either in Religion or Laws; and to ſatisfie, not only their deſires, but even their doubts: We have diſcharged, and by theſe preſents do diſcharge the Service book, book of Canons, and high Commiſſion, and the practiſe of them, or any of them: and by theſe preſents annuls and reſcinds all acts of Councell, Proclamations, and other acts and deeds whatſoever that have been made or publiſhed, for eſtabliſhing them, or any of them: and declares the ſame to be null, and to have no force nor effect in time coming. And being informed, that the urging of the practice of the five articles of Pearth Aſſembly, hath bred great diſtraction and diviſion in the Church and State, We have been graciouſly pleaſed to take the ſame into Our conſideration; and for the quiet and peace of Church and State, do not only diſpenſe with the practice of the ſaids Articles, but alſo diſcharge, like as by theſe preſents We diſcharge all and whatſoever perſons from urging the practice thereof, upon either laicke or eccleſiaſticall perſon whatſoever. And We do hereby free all Our Subjects from all cenſure and pain, whether eccleſiaſticall or ſecular, for not urging, practiſing, or obeying the ſame, notwithſtanding of any thing contained in the acts of Parliament, or generall Aſſembly to the contrarie. And becauſe it hath been, to the diſgrace of governement, diſperſt and ſurmized throughout this Our Kingdome, that ſome of Our Subjects have

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have exerciſed ſuch illimited and unwarranted power, and have held themſelves eximed from cenſure and puniſhment, to which others Our Subjects are lyable: We do by theſe preſents declare, that if any of Our Subjects, whether eccleſiaſticall or civill, of whatſoever qualitie, title, or degree, have, or ſhall at any time preſume to do any ſuch act, or aſſume to themſelves any ſuch exemption or power, That they ſhall, like as by theſe preſents We make and ordain them to be lyable to the tryall and cenſure of Parliament, generall Aſſembly, or any other judicatories competent, according to the nature and qualitie of the offence. And for the free entrie of Miniſters, that no other oath be adminiſtrate unto them, than that which is contained in the act of Parliament. And to give Our Subjects full aſſurance, that we never intend to admit of any change or alteration in the true Religion alreadie eſtabliſhed and profeſſed in this Our Kingdome, And that all Our good people may be fully and clearly ſatisfied of the realitie of Our intentions towards the maintenance of the truth, and integritie of the ſaid Religion: We have thought fit and expedient to injoyn and authorize, like as We by theſe preſents do require and command all the Lords of Our privie Councell, Senatours of the Colledge of Juſtice, Judges, and Magiſtrates to burgh and land, and all Our other Subjects whatſoever, to ſubſcribe and renew the Confeſſion of Faith, ſubſcribed at firſt by Our dear Father and His houſhold, in the year of God, 1580. Thereafter by perſons of all ranks, in the year, 1581. by ordinance of the Lords of ſecret Coun-

cell, and acts of the generall Assembly. Subscribed again by all sorts of persons in the year, 1590. by a new ordinance of Councell at the desire of the generall Assembly, with their generall band of maintenance of the true religion, and the Kings person. And for that effect we do require the Lords of Councell to take such course, anent the foresaid confession and generall band, that it may be subscribed and renewed throughout the whole kingdome, with all possible diligence. And because we will not leave in our subjects mindes the least scruple or doubt of our royall intentions and reall resolutions, We have given warrant to Our Commissioner to indict a free generall Assembly, to be holden at Glasgow the twentie one day of November, in this present year, 1638. And thereafter a Parliament to be holden at Edinburgh the fifteenth day of May, *Anno* 1639. for setling a perfect peace in the Church, and Common-weale of this kingdome. And because it is likely that the disorders and distractions which have happened of late, have been occasioned through the conceived fears of innovation of religion and laws, and not out of any disloyalty or disaffection to soveraignity: We are graciously pleased absolutely to forget what is past, and freely to forgive all by-gones to all such as shall acquiesse to this Our gracious pleasure, and carry themselves peaceably as loyall and dutifull subjects, and shall ratifie and approve the same in our next ensuing Parliament. And that this Assembly may have the better successe, and more happy conclusion, Our will is that there be a solemne fast proclaimed and kept by all our good subjects of this

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this kingdome, a fourteen dayes before the beginning of the ſaid Aſſembly: the cauſes thereof to be a begging a bleſſing from God upon that aſſembly, and a peaceable end to the diſtractions of this Church and Kingdome, with the averſion of Gods heavy judgement from both. And our pleaſure is that this faſt be kept in the moſt ſolemne manner as hath been in this Church at any time heretofore upon the moſt extraordinary occaſion.

OUR WILL is herefore, and we charge you ſtraitly and command, that incontinent theſe our letters ſeen, ye paſſe, and make publication hereof by open proclamation at the market croſſes of the head burrows of this kingdome, where-through none pretend ignorance of the ſame.

Given at our court of Oatlands, the ninth day of September, 1638.

Per Regem.

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THE CONFESSION OF FAITH, OF THE KIRKE OF SCOTLAND:

Subscribed at the first by the Kings Majesties unnwhile dearest Father, of blessed memorie, and his houshold, in the year of God, 1580. *Thereafter by persons of all ranks, in the year of God,* 1581. *by ordinance of the Lords of secret Councell, and Acts of the generall Assembly. Subscribed again by all sorts of persons in the year,* 1590. *by a new ordinance of Councell, at the desire of the generall Assembly: With the generall Band for maintenance of the true Religion. And now renewed and subscribed again by his Majesties speciall command, by the right noble Marques,* JAMES, *Marques of Hammiltoun, Earle of Arran and Cambridge, Lord Even, and Evendail, his Majesties high Commissioner, and Lords of secret Councel under subscribing. And that of and according to the date and tenor of the said Confession of Faith, dated in March* 1580. *and of the Band, dated* in Anno 1589.

WE all, and every one of us under-written, protest, that after long and due examination of our own consciences, in matters of true and false Religion, are now throughly resolved in the truth, by the word and spirit of God: And therefore we

beleeve with our hearts, confeſſe with our mouthes, ſubſcribe with our hands, and conſtantly affirme before God, and the whole world, that this only is the true Chriſtian Faith and Religion, pleaſing God, and bringing ſalvation to man, which is now, by the mercy of God, revealed to the world, by the preaching of the bleſſed Evangel.

And received, beleeved, and defended by many and ſundrie notable Kirks and Realmes, but chiefly by the Kirke of Scotland, the Kings Majeſtie, and three Eſtates of this Realme, as Gods eternall truth, and only ground of our ſalvation; as more particularly is expreſſed in the Confeſſion of our Faith, ſtabliſhed, and publickly confirmed by ſundrie acts of Parliaments, and now of a long time hath been openly profeſſed by the Kings Majeſtie, and whole body of this Realme, both in burgh and land. To the which Confeſſion and forme of Religion, we willingly agree in our conſciences in all points, as unto Gods undoubted truth and veritie, grounded only upon his written Word. And therefore we abhorre and deteſt all contrary Religion and Doctrine: but chiefly all kinde of Papiſtrie in generall and particular heads, even as they are now damned and confuted by the word of God and Kirke of Scotland: but in ſpeciall, we deteſt and refuſe the uſurped authority of that romane Antichriſt, upon the Scriptures of God, upon the Kirk, the civill Magiſtrate, and conſcience of men. All his tyranous lawes made upon indifferent things againſt our Chriſtian libertie. His erroneous doctrine againſt the ſufficiencie of the written word, the perfection of the Law, the office of Chriſt, and his bleſſed

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Evangel. His corrupted doctrine concerning originall ſin, our naturall inability, and rebellion to Gods law, our juſtification by faith only, our imperfect ſanctification and obedience to the Law, the nature, number and uſe of the holy Sacraments. His five baſtard Sacraments, with all his rites, ceremonies, and falſe doctrine, added to the miniſtration of the true Sacraments without the word of God. His cruell judgement againſt Infants departing without the Sacrament. His abſolute neceſſitie of Baptiſme. His blaſphemous opinion of Tranſubſtantiation, or reall preſence of Chriſts body in the elements, and receiving of the ſame by the wicked, or bodies of men. His diſpenſations with ſolemne oathes, perjuries, and degrees of marriage forbidden in the word. His cruelty againſt the innocent divorced. His devilliſh Maſſe. His blaſphemous Prieſthood. His prophane ſacrifice for the ſins of the dead and the quick. His canonization of men, calling upon angels or ſaints departed, worſhipping of imagerie, relicks, and croſſes, dedicating of Kirks, altars, dayes, vowes to creatures. His purgatory, prayers for the dead, praying or ſpeaking in a ſtrange language, with his proceſſions and blaſphemous letanie, and multitude of advocates or mediatours. His manifold ordours, auricular confeſſion. His deſperate and uncertain repentance. His generall and doubtſome faith. His ſatisfactions of men for their ſins. His juſtification by works, *Opus operatum*, works of ſupererogation, merits, pardons, peregrinations, and ſtations. His holy water, baptiſing of bells, conjuring of ſpirits, croſſing, ſaning, anointing, conjuring, hallowing of Gods good creatures,

tures, with the ſuperſtitious opinion joyned therewith. His worldly Monarchy, and wicked Hierarchy. His three ſolemne vowes, with all his ſhavellings of ſundry ſorts. His erroneous and bloudy decrees made at Trent, with all the ſubſcribers and approvers of that cruell and bloudy band, conjured againſt the Kirk of God. And finally, we deteſt all his vaine allegories, rites, ſignes, and traditions brought in the Kirk, without, or againſt the word of God, and doctrine of this true reformed Kirk. To the which we joyn our ſelves willingly, in doctrine, faith, religion, diſcipline, and uſe of the holy ſacraments, as lively members of the ſame, in Chriſt our head: promiſing and ſwearing, by the great name of the Lord our God, that we ſhall continue in the obedience of the doctrine and diſcipline of this Kirk, and ſhall defend the ſame according to our vocation and power, all the dayes of our lives, under the pains contained in the law, and danger both of body and ſoul, in the day of Gods fearfull judgement. And ſeeing that many are ſtirred up by Satan, and that romane antichriſt, to promiſe, ſwear, ſubſcribe, and for a time uſe the holy ſacraments in the Kirk deceitfully, againſt their own conſciences, minding hereby, firſt under the externall cloak of religion, to corrupt and ſubvert ſecretly Gods true religion within the Kirk, and afterward, when time may ſerve, to become open enemies and perſecuters of the ſame, under vain hope of the Popes diſpenſation deviſed againſt the word of God, to his greater confuſion, and their double condemnation in the day of the Lord Jeſus.

We therefore, willing to take away all ſuſpition

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of hypocriſie, and of ſuch double dealing with God and his Kirk, proteſt, and call the ſearcher of all hearts to witneſſe, that our mindes and hearts do fully agree with this our confeſſion, promiſe, oath, and ſubſcription: So that we are not moved for any worldly reſpect, but are perſwaded only in our conſciences, through the knowledge and love of Gods true religion, printed in our hearts by the holy Spirit, as we ſhall anſwer to him in the day when the ſecrets of all hearts ſhall be diſcloſed. And becauſe we perceive, that the quietneſſe and ſtability of our religion and Kirk doth depend upon the ſafety and good behaviour of the Kings majeſtie, as upon a comfortable inſtrument of Gods mercie granted to this countrey, for the maintenance of his Kirk, and miniſtration of juſtice amongſt us, We proteſt and promiſe with our hearts under the ſame oath, hand-writ, and paines, that we ſhall defend his perſon and authority, with our geare, bodies, and lives, in the defence of Chriſt his Evangel, liberties of our countrey, miniſtration of juſtice, and puniſhment of iniquity, againſt all enemies within this realme, or without, as we deſire our God to be a ſtrong and mercifull defender to us in the day of our death, and comming of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. To whom with the Father, and the holy Spirit, be all honour and glory eternally. Amen.

WE under-ſubſcribing, and conſidering the ſtrait link and conjunction betwixt the true and Chriſtian religion, preſently profeſt within this realme, and Soveraigne Lords eſtate, and ſtanding; having both the ſelf ſame friends and common enemies, and ſubject to the like event of ſtanding and decay, and weighing therewithall the imminent danger threatned to the ſaid religion, the preſervation whereof being dearer to us than whatſoever we have dearest to us in this life. And finding in his majeſtie, a moſt honourable and chriſtian reſolution, to manifeſt himſelf to the world that zealous and religious prince, which he hath hitherto profeſſed; and to imploy the means and power that God hath put into his hands, as well to the withſtanding of whatſoever forraigne force ſhall mean within this Land, for alteration of the ſaid religion, or endangering of the preſent ſtate, as to the repreſſing of the inward enemies thereto amongſt our ſelves, linked with them in the ſaid Antichriſtian league and confederacie: Have therefore in the preſence of almighty God, and with his majeſties authorizing and allowance, faithfully promiſed, and ſolemnly ſworn, like as hereby we faithfully and ſolemnly ſwear, and promiſe to take a true, effauld, and plain part with his Majeſtie, amongſt our ſelves, for diverting of the appearing danger threatned to the ſaid Religion, and his Majeſties ſtate and ſtanding, depending thereupon, by whatſoever forraigne or inteſtine plots, or preparations. And to that effect faithfully, and that upon our truth and honours, binde and oblige us to others, to

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conveen and assemble our selves publickly, with our friends in arms, or in quiet manner, at such times and places as we shall be required by his Proclamations, or by writ, or message direct to us from his Majesty, or any having power from him. And being conveened and assembled, to joyn and concurre with the whole forces of our friends and favourers, against whatsoever forraigne or intestine powers or papists, and their partakers, shall arrive or rise within this island, or any part thereof, readie to defend or pursue, as we shall be authorized and conducted by his Majestie, or any others having his power and commission, to joyn and hold hand to the execution of whatsoever mean or ordour shall be thought meet by his majestie, and his Councell, for suppressing of the Papists, promotion of the true religion, and setling of his Highnesse estate, and obedience in all the countreys and corners of this realme, to expound and hazard our lives, lands, and goods, and whatsoever means God hath lent us, in the defence of the said true and christian religion, and his Majesties person and estate, against whatsoever Jesuits and Seminary or masse Priests, condemned enemies to God and his majestie, to their utter wrack and exterminion, according to the power granted to us by his Majesties proclamation, and acts of parliament. To try, search, and seek out all excommunicates, practisers and others papists whatsoever, within our bounds and shire, where we keep residence, and dilate them to his Highnesse, and his privy Councell, and conform us to such directions, as from time to time we shal receive from his Majesty and his Councell, in their behalfs. And specially so many of

us as presently are or hereafter shall be appointed Commissioners in every shire, shall follow, pursue, and travail by all means possible, to take and apprehend all such Papists, Apostates, and excommunicates, as we shall receive in writ from his Majestie. And we, the remanent within that Shire, shall concurre and assist with the saids Commissioners with our whole friends and forces, to that effect, without respect of any person whatsoever. And generally to assist in the mean time, and defend every one of us another, in all and whatsoever quarrels, actions, debates moved, or to be moved against us, or any of us upon action of the present Band, or other causes depending thereupon. And effauldly joyn in defence and pursuit against whatsoever shall offer or intend any injurie, or revenge against any one of them for the premisses, making his cause and part that is pursued, all our parts; Notwithstanding, whatsoever privie grudge, or displeasure standing betwixt any of us, which shall be no impediment or hinder to our said effauld joyning in the said common cause; but to ly over, and be misknown, till they be orderly removed, and taken away by the order under-specified. To the which time, We for the better furtherance of the said cause and service have assured, and by the tenor hereof, every one of us taking the burden upon us for our selves, and all that we may let, assure each other to be unhurt, unharmed, or any wayes to be invaded by us, or any our foresaids for old feid or new, otherwise than by ordinary course of law and justice: neither shall we, nor any of our foresaids make any

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provocation, or tumult, trouble, or diſpleaſure to others in any ſort, as we ſhall anſwer to God, and upon our Honours, and fidelitie to his Majeſtie. And for our further and more heartie union in this ſervice, we are content, and conſent, that all whatſoever our feids and variances fallen, or that may fall out betwixt us, be within fourtie dayes after the date hereof, amicably referred and ſubmitted to ſeven or five indifferent friends, choſen by his Majeſtie of our whole number, and by their moderation and arbitrement componed and taken away. And finally, that we ſhall neither directly, nor indirectly ſeparate nor with-draw us from the union and fellowſhip of the remanent, by whatſoever ſuggeſtion or private advice, or by whatſoever incident regard, or ſtay ſuch reſolution, as by common deliberation ſhall be taken in the premiſſes, as we ſhall anſwer to God upon our conſciences, and to the world, upon our truth and honours, under the pain to be eſteemed traitours to God, and his Majeſtie, and to have loſt all honour, credit, and eſtimation in time coming. In witneſſe whereof, by his Majeſties ſpeciall command, allowance, and protection promiſed to us therein, We have ſubſcribed theſe preſents with our hands. At 1589.

WE, JAMES Marques of Hammiltoun, Earle of Arran and Cambridge, Lord Even, and Evendaill, his Majeſties high Commiſsioner, and Lords of his Majeſties privie Councell underſcribing, by vertue, and conforme to a warrant and command, ſigned by his Sacred Majeſty, of the date the ninth of September, 1638. and regiſtrate in the books of Councell, upon the 22. day of the ſaid moneth: Swear, and with our hearts, and humble and true affections to Gods Truth, and to his Sacred Majeſtie, ſubſcribe the Confeſsion of Faith, of and according to the date and tenor above ſpecified: and alsrenew, ſwear, and ſubſcribe the foreſaid generall Band of the tenor above written, for preſervation of the true Religion, and maintenance of his Sacred Majeſties Authoritie, according to the tenor thereof, and ſiclike, as amply as the ſame was conceived in favours of his Majeſties umwhile bleſſed Father of eternall memorie, by the ſaid Band. In witneſſe whereof, We have ſubſcribed theſe preſents with our hands. At Haly-rude-houſe, the twentie two day of September, 1638.

Sic ſubſcribitur.

HAMMILTOUN.

Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairſheall, Mar, Murray, Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne, Tullibardin, Hadingtoun, Annandaill, Lauderdaill, Kinnoull, Dumfreis, Southesk, Belheaven, Angus, Lorne, Elphinſtoun, Naper, Dalyell, Amont, J. Hay, S. Thomas Hope, S. W. Elphinſtoun, Ja. Carmichael, J. Hammiltoun, Blackhall.

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THe Lords of ſecret Councell having read & maturely conſidered his majeſties letters, and particular declaration of his pleaſure anent the annulling of the Service book, Book of canons, and high Commiſſion, diſcharging the preſſing of the practice of the five Articles, making all perſons Eccleſiaſtick and Civill, of what title or degree ſoever, lyable to the tryall and cenſure of Parliament, generall Aſſembly, and other Judicatories competent, anent the not adminiſtrating to miniſters at their entry any other oath than that which is contained in the act of Parliament anent the ſubſcribing and renewing the confeſſion of faith, ſubſcribed by his Majeſties Father of bleſſed memory, and his houſhold, *in Anno* 1580. and band following thereupon, anent the indiction of a generall Aſſembly, to be holden at *Glaſgow* the 21. day of November, 1638. and Parliament at *Edinburgh* the 15 of May, 1639. and anent his gracious goodneſſe in forgetting and forgiving all by-gones, and indiction of a faſt for craving of Gods bleſſing to this Aſſembly; finde themſelves ſo fully ſatisfied therewith, and the ſame to be ſo ſatisfactorie for removing all the fears of the ſubjects anent innovation of religion or laws, that we hold our ſelves bound in dutie, not only to acquieſſe therewith, as the beſt mean to ſecure both religion and laws, but alſo to uſe our beſt endeavours, that all his Majeſties good ſubjects may likewiſe reſt ſatisfied therewith. And that they with us, and we

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with them, may testifie our thankfulnesse for so great a grace and goodnesse with all the hearty expressions of dutifulnesse and loyalty, and that our true sense hereof may the more clearly appear to our Sacred Soveraigne; We do by these humbly and heartily make offer of our lives and fortunes in the defending and assisting of his Majesties sacred person and authority; in the maintenance of the foresaid religion and confession, and repressing of all such as shall hereafter presse to disturbe the peace of this Kirk and Kingdome.

In witnesse whereof we have heartily and freely subscribed these presents with our hands. At *Halyrude-house* the 22 day of September, 1638.

Sic subscribitur.

HAMMILTOUN.

Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairsheall, Mar, Murray, Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne, Tullibardin, Hadington, Annandail, Lauderdail, Kinnoul, Dumfreis, Southesk, Belheaven, Angus, Lorne, Elphinstoun, Naper, Dalyell, Amont, J. Hay, S. Thomas Hope, S. W. Elphinstoun, Ja. Carmichael, J. Hammiltoun, Blackhall.

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Apud Haly-rude-houſe xxii. Septembris. 1638.

THe which day, a Noble Marques, *JAMES*, Marques of Hammiltoun, Earl of Arran and Cambridge, his Majeſties Commiſſioner, and Lords of ſecret Councel, in all humble and hearty affection unanimouſly ſwore, and ſubſcribed the Confeſſion of faith above-written, dated 2. March, 1580. according as it was then profeſt within this Kingdome: Together with the generall Band above-ſpecified, dated *in Anno*, 1589. Whereupon *S. Thomas Hope* of Craighall, his Majeſties Advocate, in his Majeſties name asked inſtruments.

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Moſt Sacred Soveraigne,

IF ever faithfull and loyall Subjects had reaſon to acknowledge extraordinarie favours, ſhown to a Nation, and in a moſt ſubmiſſive, and heartie manner give reall demonſtrations of the grace vouchſafed; then do We of your Majeſties Councel, of this your ancient Kingdome, unanimouſly profeſſe, that ſuch acts of clemency vouchſafed us, cannot proceed from any Prince, ſaving him, who is the lively image on earth of the great God Authour of all goodneſſe. For return of ſo tranſcendent grace, fortified with the reall expreſſion of unparallel'd Pietie, royall inclination to Peace, and univerſall love, not only to thoſe of our number, but likewiſe to all your Majeſties loyall Subjects: We do all in one voice, with all reſentment can be imagined, in all humilitie render our moſt bounden thanks, and offer, in teſtimonie of our full ſatisfaction and acquieſcence herewith, to ſacrifice our lives and fortunes in ſeconding your Sacred Majeſties commandments, and repreſsing all ſuch as ſhall hereafter preaſſe to diſturbe the peace of the Kirke and Kingdome. And for ſome ſmall ſignification of our alacritie, and diligence in your Sacred Majeſties ſervice, We have all, without the leaſt ſhadow of any ſcruple, ſubſcribed the Confeſsion of Faith, and Band appointed to be received by all your Majeſties loyall Subjects,

jects, ſent the act paſſed in Councell, with our other proceedings, which we do moſt humbly repreſent to your Royall view. And we beſeech your Majeſtie, to be pleaſed, to be perſwaded of the unviolable devotion of all here ſubſcribers, who do all, in all humilitie, pray for your Majeſties moſt happie and flouriſhing Reigne.

Sic ſubſcribitur

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Traquaire, Roxburgh, Mairſheall, Mar, Murray, Linlithgow, Perth, Wigtoun, Kingorne, Tullibardin, Hadintoun, Annandaill, Lauderdaill, Kinnoull, Dumfreis, Southesk, Belheaven, Angus, Lorne, Elphinſtoun, Naper, Dalyell, Amont, J. Hay. S. Thomas Hope, S. W. Elphinſtoun, Ja. Carmichael, J. Hammiltoun, Blackhall.

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At Haly-rude-houſe, the xxii. day of September, 1638.

FOrſomuch as it hath pleaſed the Kings Majeſtie, out of his pious and religious diſpoſition to the true Religion, and out of his fatherly care, for removing of all fears, doubts, and ſcruples, which may ariſe in the mindes of his Subjects, for preſervation of the puritie thereof, and upon divers great and weighty conſiderations, importing the glory of God, the peace of the Kirke and Common-weale of this Kingdome, to appoint, and give order, that a free generall Aſſembly be indicted, kept, and holden at the Citie of *Glaſgow* the xxi. of November next. Therefore the Lords of ſecret Councell ordains letters to be direct, charging Maiſſers, and Officers of Armes, to paſſe, and make publication hereof by open Proclamation, at the market croſſe of *Edinburgh*, and the head Burrows of this Kingdome, and other places needfull. And to warne all and ſundrie Arch-biſhops, Biſhops, Commiſsioners of Kirks, and others, having place and vote in the Aſſembly, to repair, and addreſſe to the ſaid Citie of *Glaſgow* the ſaid xxi. day of November next to come, and to attend the ſaid Aſſembly induring the time thereof, and ay and while the ſame be diſſolved, and to do, and performe all which to their charges in ſuch caſes appertaineth, as they will anſwer to the contrary at their higheſt perill.

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FOrſomuch as it hath pleaſed his Majeſtie, out of his pious and religious diſpoſition to the true Religion, and out of his Fatherly care, for removing of all fears, doubts, and ſcruples, which may ariſe in the mindes of his Subjects, for preſervation of the puritie thereof, and upon divers other great and weighty cauſes, importing the glory of God, the peace of the Kirke and common-weale of this Kingdome, to appoint, and give order, that the Soveraigne and high Court of Parliament, ſhall be holden at the Citie of *Edinburgh*, upon the 15. day of May next to come, with continuation of dayes: Therefore the Lords of ſecret Councell ordaine letters to be direct to Maiſſers and officers of Armes, charging them to paſſe to the market croſſe of *Edinburgh*, and other places needfull, and there by open proclamation to make publication of the holding of the ſaid Parliament, and to warne all and ſundrie Noble men, Prelates, and Commiſsioners for the Barons, and Burrows, and all others, having voice and place in the ſaid Parliament, that they, and every one of them, in their moſt decent and comely manner, make their addreſſe to the ſaid Parliament, attend and await thereat during the time thereof; and to diſcharge that duetie which is incumbent to them, and each one of them, as they will anſwer on the contrary at their perill.

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THe which day, a Noble Earl, JAMES Marques of Hammiltoun, Earl of Arran and Cambridge, his Majeſties Commiſſioner, having produced and exhibit before the Lords of ſecret Councell, upon the twenty two day of this inſtant, a warrant ſigned by his Majeſtie, of the date the ninth of September inſtant; wherein among others of his Majeſties gracious and royall expreſſions for preſervation of the purity of religion, and due obedience to his Majeſties authority in the maintenance thereof, his Majeſtie did will and ordain that the Lords themſelves ſhould ſwear the Confeſſion and generall Band mentioned in his Maieſties ſaid warrant, and alſo ſhould take ſuch order, as all his Maieſties lieges may ſubſcribe the ſame. And the ſaid Lords of ſecret Councell, acknowledging his Maieſties pious and gracious diſpoſition and affection to the purity of Gods truth, did upon the 22. day of September inſtant, unanimouſly and with all humble, hearty and ſincere affection, ſwear and ſubſcribe the Confeſſion of faith, dated the ſecond of March, 1580. according as it was then profeſt within this Kingdome: Together with the foreſaid generall Band, dated *in Anno* 1589. And

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now to the effect that all his Majesties lieges may give the like obedience to his Majesties so pious desire, therefore the said Lords have ordained, and ordains all his Majesties lieges, of whatsoever estate, degree or quality, Ecclesiastical or Civill, to swear and subscribe the said Confession, dated the second of March, 1580. and that according to the said date and tenor thereof, and as it was then profest within this Kingdome: Together with the said generall Band, dated *in Anno*, 1589. as they will answer at the contrarie upon their obedience. And ordains officers of armes to passe to the market cosse of *Edinburgh*, and make publication hereof, and at all other places needfull, wherethrough none pretend ignorance of the same.

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FOrſomuch as a Noble Marques, *JAMES* Marques of Hammiltoun, Earle of Arran, and Cambridge, his Majeſties Commiſſioner, and the Lords of ſecret Councell, by an act of the date the twentie two of this inſtant, have by ſpeciall warrant of his Sacred Majeſtie, ſworn and ſubſcribed with all humble and heartie affection and unaninouſly, the Confeſsion of Faith, dated the ſecond of March, 1580. and at length inſert in the books of privie Councell, of and according to the ſaid date and tenor thereof, and according as it was then profeſt within this Kingdome: Together with the generall Band inſert therewith, in the ſaid books of privie Councell, dated *in Anno* 1589. Like as alſo the ſaid Lords of Councel, by their act of the date of theſe preſents, acknowledging his Majeſties pious and gracious diſpoſition and affection to the puritie of Gods truth, and as thereby they conceive themſelves bound in conſcience and humble dutie, to uſe and follow forth all poſsible diligence, for procuring the ſubſcriptions of all his Majeſties Lieges thereto. And to this effect, have thought fit that the care and diligence in procuring thereof, be committed to ſome of his Majeſties Councell, and others of the Nobilitie and Gentrie within the ſeve-

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rall Sheriffedomes and Provinces of the Kingdome, in manner after-ſpecified. Therefore the ſaid Lord Commiſsioner, and Lords of ſecret Councell, give power, warrant, and commiſsion, to ſuch of their number, and others after-following, within the bounds after-ſpecified, *viz.* For the ſheriffedome of Edinburgh principall, *Willian* Earle of Lothiane, *Archibald* Lord Naper, S. *John Dalmahoy* of that ilke, S. *George Towers* of Innerleith. For the burgh of Edinburgh, the Proveſt and Baillies of Edinburgh, that are, or ſhall be for the time. For Eaſtlothiane, *Robert*, Earle of Roxburgh, Lord Privie ſeal, *Thomas* Earle of Hadintoun, *John* Earle of Lauderdaill, *Harie* Lord Ker, S. *Patrick Murrey* of Elibanke, S. *Patrick Hepburne* of Wauchtoun, and *James Maxwell* of Innerweik. For the Stewartrie of Dalkeith, *John* Earle of Traquaire, Lord Treaſurer, *William* Earle of Dalhouſſie, and S. *James Macgill* of Cranſtonriddell. For the Sheriffedome of Peebles, and Ettrick forreſt, the ſaid Lord Treaſurer, and *John* Lord Yeſter. For the ſheriffedome of Selkirke, the ſaid Lord Treaſurer, the Earle of Hadintoun, S. *William Scot* of Harden, and Generall Ruthven. For the Sheriffedome of Roxburgh, the Lord Privie-ſeal, the Earle of Lauderdaill, the Lord Ker, S. *Andro Ker* of Greenhead, S. *William Dowglas* Sheriffe of Tiviotdaill, and S. *Thomas Ker* of Cavers. For the ſheriffedome of Bervick, the ſaid Lord Privie-ſeal, *James* Earle of Home, the Earls of Hadintoun, and Lauderdaill, and Laird of Blacader. For the ſheriffedome of Fyffe, *John* Earle of Rothes, *Charles* Earle of Dumfermeline, *John* Earle of Annandaill, *John* Earle of Wemes, Lord

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Fentoun, *John* Lord Lindſey, *David* Lord Balcarres, S. *Thomas Hope* of Craighall knight barronet his Majeſties advocate, S. *Alexander* Gibſon of Durie, S. *James Learmonth* of Balcolmie, and S. *Andrew Murrey* of Balvaird. For the ſheriffedome of Linlithgow *Alexander* Earl of Linlithgow, *James* Lord Amont, S. *John Hammiltoun* of Orbeſton Juſtice clerk, *Dundas* of that ilk, and Mr. *George Dundas* of Manner. For the ſheriffedome of Lanerk, *John* Earle of Wigtoun, *Archibald* Lord Angus, Lord Fleeming, *Robert* Lord *Dalyell*, S. *William Elphinſtoun* chief Juſtice, S. *James Carmichael* of that ilk Treaſurer Depute, the ſaid Juſtice-clerk, S. *James Lokhart* younger of Lee, *Francis Dowglas* of Sandelands, *Gawin Hammiltoun* of Raploche, S. *James Hammiltoun* of Broom-hill, *Robert Hammiltoun* of Torrence, and *Alexander Hammiltoun* of Hags, ſheriffe. For the ſheriffedome of Striviling, *John* Earle of Mar, *William* Earle of Airth, *John* Earle of Montrois, *Alexander* Earle of Linlithgow, *John* Earle of Wigtoun, *John* Lord Flemming, *Alexander* Lord Elphinſtoun, *James* Lord Amont, and S. *William Murrey* of Polmais. For the ſheriffedome of Dumfreis, *William* Earle of Queinsberrie, Maſter of Dalyell, the Laird of Lag, *William Maxwell* of Kirkhouſe, and *John Dalyell* of Newtoun. For the ſheriffedome of Clackmannan the ſaid Earle of Mar, S. *Robert Bruce* of Clackmannan, S. *Thomas Hope* younger of Cars ſheriffe. For the ſheriffedome of Wigtoun, *John* Earle of Caſſils, *Alexander* Earle of Galloway, S. *John Hammiltoun* elder and younger of Barganie, S. *Patrick Mackie* of Larg, *John Murrey* of

of Broughtoun. For the ſheriffedome of Air, *Alexander* Earle of Eglintoun, *Alexander* Earle of Glencarne, *John* Earle of Caſsils, *William* Earle of Dumfreis, *William* Lord Crichton, *John* Lord Lowdoun, the Lairds of Barganie elder and younger, the Lairds of Gaſtoun, and Cragiewallace. For the ſheriffedome of Renfrew, *Alexander* Earle of Glencarne, *Robert* Vicount of Belheaven, S. *Archbald Stewart* of Blakhall, the Laird of Howſton and Bryce Sempill of Cathcart, S. *Robert* Dowglas of Blaikeſter, and S. *John Maxwell* of Pooke. For the ſheriffedome of Dumbartan, Argile, and Carbet, the ſaid Earles of Montrois, and Wigtoun, the Lords *Lorn* and *Flemming*, S. *George Stirline* of Keir, and S. *William Stewart* captain of the caſtle of Dumbartane. For the ſheriffedome of Perth, ſtewartries of Monteith, and Stratherne, the Earls of Airth, Montrois, Atholl, Perth, Tullibardin, and Kinnoul, *Mungo* Vicount of Stormont, the Lairds of Keir, and Lawers, elder and younger, the Lairds of Duncrub elder and younger, and *Blair* of Baltheiock. For the ſheriffedome of Forfar, the Earles of Montrois, Kingorne, and Southesk, the Lords *Carnegie*, and *Ogilvie*, the Maſter of Spynie, *Patrick Maule* of Panmure, the Conſtable of Dundie, S. *Andro Fletcher* of Innerpeffer, the Lairds of Din, Ethie, Balnamoune, Aldbar, Bonnyton, Lethintie, and Innerquharratie. For the ſheriffedome of the Mernes, the Earls of *Mairſhall*, and *Southesk*, the Lord *Carnegie*, S. *Thomas Burnet* of Leyes, the Lairds of Glenbervie, Arbuthnet, Morphie, Balmoyne, and Halkerton elder. For the ſheriffedome of Aberdene, the Marques of Huntly,

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